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**ALBERTA DIGESTIVE DISEASE SUMMIT**  
**Dysplasia Screening in Ulcerative Colitis:**  
**Have we been doing it wrong all these years?**

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**Outline**

1. UC cancer risk
2. UC dysplasia risk and outcomes
3. Current practice vs Guidelines
4. Chromoendoscopy: What, How and Why
5. Chromoendoscopy: Practical application
6. Surface guidelines
7. Dysplasia Management



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**Disclosure**

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### Colon Cancer Risk in Ulcerative Colitis (UC)

- An established complication of UC with rates as high as 30% at 35 years of disease
- Newer data has shown this rate to be much lower, however still present
- The mechanisms is thought to be an inflammatory driven process
- The lesions are detectable by endoscopy ranging from low grade to malignancy




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### Risk Factors

**TABLE 1. Factors that Alter the Risk of CRC in IBD**

Risk Factor	RR (95% CI)	
<b>Extent of colonic involvement</b>		
Pancolitis	14.8 (1.4-18.9)	Ekhom A, et al, <i>N Engl J Med</i> . 323, 1228 (1990) <sup>7</sup>
Left-sided disease	2.8 (1.6-4.4)	
Proctitis	1.7 (0.8-3.2)	
<b>Primary sclerosing cholangitis</b>		
Family history of sporadic CRC	OR 4.8 (1.9-6.4) <sup>8</sup>	Saetkino RM, et al, <i>Gastroenterol Endosc</i> : 56, 48 (2002) <sup>10</sup>
First-degree relative > 50 yr	2.5 (1.4-4.4)	Aakling J, et al, <i>Gastroenterology</i> : 120, 1356 (2001) <sup>11</sup>
First-degree relative < 50 yr	9.2 (3.7-23.0)	
Stricture	5.7 (3.7-8.9)	Rutten MD, et al, <i>Gut</i> : 53, 1813 (2004) <sup>12</sup>
Inflammatory pseudopolyps	2.1 (1.2-3.7)	Rutten MD, et al, <i>Gut</i> : 53, 1813 (2004) <sup>12</sup>
Sex		Solofund S, et al, <i>Gastroenterology</i> : 138, 1697 (2010) <sup>13</sup>
Male	1.6 (1.2-2.2)	
<b>Histological inflammation</b>		
OR 4.7 per unit increase on 0-4 scale		Rutten M, et al, <i>Gastroenterology</i> : 126, 451 (2004) <sup>14</sup>
HR 3.0 (1.4-6.3) per unit increase in mean score on 0-3 scale		Gupta RB, et al, <i>Gastroenterology</i> : 133, 1099 (2007) <sup>15</sup>

Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Volume 19, Issue 4, 2013.




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### Outcomes

Dysplasia	Probability of Cancer at Immediate colectomy	5 years progression to cancer	Surveillance
Negative	1.1%	4% in 10 years	1-2 years
Indefinite	9%	Repeat within 3-6 months	
Flat LGD	16-34%	16-54%	Accelerated surveillance
Flat HGD	42-67%	25-32%	Colectomy
DALM (non-resectable)	31-65%		Colectomy

Best Practice and Research Clinical Gastroenterology, Volume 27, Issue 2, April 2013




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### Colonoscopic surveillance

- Current paradigm that exists follows decreasing interval colonoscopy with targeted and (~32) random biopsies
- 33 random biopsies giving yield of 90% for dysplasia, derived from evidence of large field defects with in the epithelium<sup>1</sup>
- These were field defects thought to give rise to dysplasia

Rubin et al. Gastroenterology 1992




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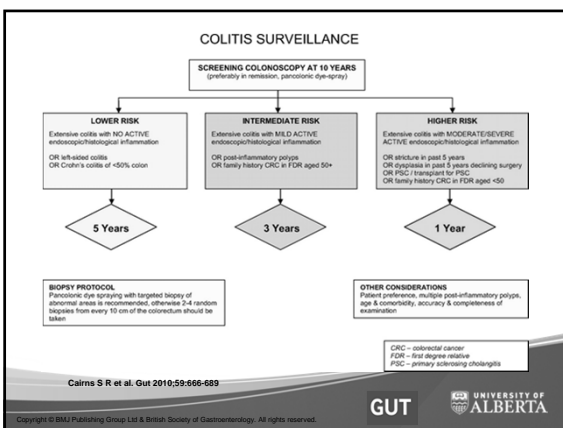
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### Random biopsy

- 10 prospective studies using quadratic random biopsy protocol have been published
- 1 episode of dysplasia for every 1505 random biopsies
- Assuming a 1cm patch of dysplasia 320 biopsies would be needed for random pick up

Riddell et al. Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, 2014




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**Chromoendoscopy**

- Application of a chemical substance to the gastrointestinal mucosa to enhance the visualization of different types of epithelia to aid in the detection of subtle dysplastic and neoplastic lesions
- Stains:
  1. Vital – absorbed into the mucosa
  2. Contrast – pool on the surface
  3. Reactive – react with the underlying mucosa tissue type

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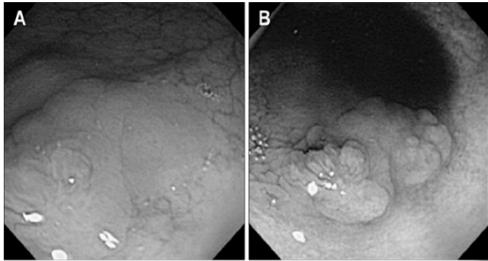
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**Methylene Blue**



Gut and Liver, Vol. 2, No. 2, September 2008

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**Chromoendoscopy in UC dysplasia**

- Prospective trial
- 102 pts : 79 UC, 23 CD  
All patients underwent double pass endoscopy
- Segmental White light (WL) with random biopsy and targeted
- Chromoendoscopy targeted (CE)



Marion et al. American Journal of Gastroenterology, 2008

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**Outcomes**

	LGD	IGD	HGD	TDD	Total Biopsy	Yield %
Random WL	3	16	0	19	3264	0.5%
Targeted WL	12	2	1	15	50	30.0%
Targeted CE	21	13	1	34	82	41.5%

LGD Low grade dysplasia  
 IGD Indeterminant dysplasia  
 HGD High grade dysplasia  
 TDD Total detected dysplasia

Marion et al. American Journal of Gastroenterology, 2008

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**Procedure**

- Scope passage to the cecum
- 2 amps of methylene blue in 500cc of sterile water placed in the jet wash
- On withdrawal of the scope the colon is segmentally (20 – 30cm) dyed
- Areas of absent dye uptake and mucosal irregularity should be inspected and biopsied/removed



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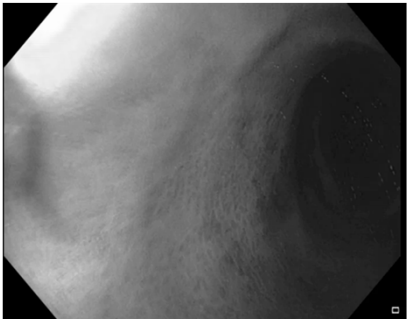
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### SURFACE Guidelines

1. Strict Patient Selection
2. Unmask the mucosal surface
3. Reduce peristalsis
4. Full length staining
5. Augment with dyes
6. Crypt architecture analysis (pit III – V)
7. Endoscopic targeted biopsy

Kiesslich, Gut 2004




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### Pit Pattern Assessment

I		Round pit (normal pit)	
II		Asteroid pit	
III <sub>s</sub>		Tubular or round pit that is smaller than the normal pit (Type I)	
III <sub>l</sub>		Tubular or round pit that is larger than the normal pit (Type I)	
IV		Dendritic or gyrus-like pit	
V <sub>i</sub>		Irregular arrangement and sizes of III <sub>s</sub> , III <sub>l</sub> , IV type pit pattern	
V <sub>w</sub>		Loss or decrease of pits with an amorphous structure	

Tanaka, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2006; 64: 604-13




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### COLITIS SURVEILLANCE

SCREENING COLONOSCOPY AT 10 YEARS (prevalence of neoplasia, pit-pattern dependent)


<b>LOWER RISK</b> Extensive colitis with NO ACTIVE endoscopic/histological inflammation OR left-sided colitis OR Crohn's colitis of <50% colon	<b>INTERMEDIATE RISK</b> Extensive colitis with MILD ACTIVE endoscopic/histological inflammation OR post-inflammatory polyps OR family history CRC in FDR aged 50+	<b>HIGHER RISK</b> Extensive colitis with MODERATE/SEVERE ACTIVE endoscopic/histological inflammation OR strictures in past 5 years OR dysplasia in past 5 years declining surgery OR PSC / transplant for PSC OR family history CRC in FDR aged <50
5 Years	3 Years	1 Year

**BIOPSY PROTOCOL**  
Panoscopic dye spraying with targeted biopsy of abnormal areas is recommended; otherwise 2-4 random biopsies from every 10 cm of the colon/rectum should be taken.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**  
Patient preference, multiple post-inflammatory polyps, age & comorbidity, security & completeness of examination

CRC – colorectal cancer  
FDR – first degree relative  
PSC – primary sclerosing cholangitis

Cairns S R et al. *Gut* 2010;59:666-689




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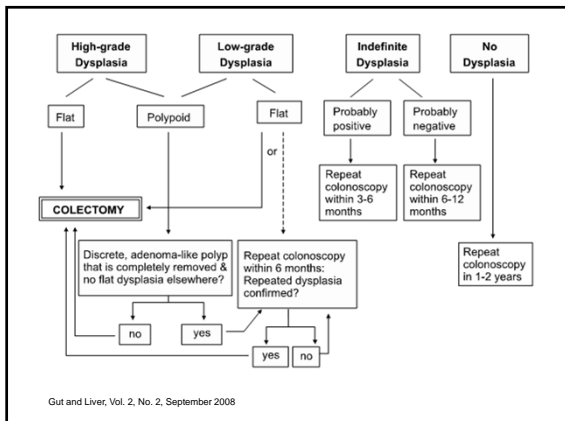
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**Take home**

1. Dysplasia and Malignancy is an established complication of UC
2. The previous concepts of "invisible" or flat dysplasia has changed
3. Screening regimens should be tailored to the patient via updated guidelines
4. The current data supports the use of chromoendoscopy with targeted biopsies for dysplasia detection
5. Management of dysplasia now becomes controversial

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